

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Banaszewski, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 10 board members in attendance and a total of 25 members/board members.

Guests:

- Tim Taylor, Grassroots Engagement Director, Concerned Veterans for America
 - Local. Ex-Marine/Air Force.
 - Fight and defend the prosperities better

Minutes:

- August 2023 Minutes:
 - Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, voted and passed.

Commander, Frank Banaszewski:

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1st Vice, Chris Ellis:

- New members 6 – Transfer – 10
 - Motion to accept these folks, seconded, no discussion and passed.
- To Date: Members: 426
- 47.1% for this year (total)

2nd Vice, Mike Bailey:

- Kitchen Calendar: Nothing to report.
- Kitchen/Legion/Post; Profit for previous month; \$301.11
- Went over courtesy remind if you are present at the club during a meeting to keep talking limited, signs purchased to put up during meetings
- Working with Finance Committee on Budget for the Club

Finance Officer/Treasurer, Rob Heibult:

- Quickbook's has been updated for club and post, accounts set up for individual programs, Christmas for kids, packages for troops, boys state, semper fi, TUP.
- Balances - \$ (post/legion)
- Post turned \$5600 in profit for the month of August.
- Club profitability for – made \$4,818.76 year to date
 - \$2K, will be moved from the Club account to the Post (general fund) the last day of every month. To be reevaluated in a couple months.
- See Reports

Service Officer, Vacant

Chaplain, Jim Paplaczyk:

HEALTH & SICKNESS

- Nothing to report – on Vacation

Important Dates

US COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	4 August	MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	10 November
V-J DAY	4 September	VETERANS DAY	11 November
PATRIOT DAY	11 September	THANKSGIVING	23 November
US AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY	18 September	PEARL HARBOR DAY	7 December
US NAVY BIRTHDAY	13 October	USNG BIRTHDAY	13 December
DAY OF THE DEPLOYED	26 October	CHRISTMAS DAY	25 December

MONTHLY INVOCATION

Color Guard, Pete Brown:

- Back in Business
- Flag Retirement Sep 17th
- 9/11 flags up Monday morning 0600, down Tuesday morning (0600)
- Bought a new container to hold flags
- Need replacement and new members to join

Committee Reports:

- **House Committee (Mike Bailey) No further updates**
- **Building Committee** (Frank Banaszewski); No update
- **Queen of Hearts**; \$1,000 (54 cards remaining). Dollar per ticket. Two Jokers – when second Joker is found, the board will be reset.
- **Tech**, Rick Knull; new texting service has been rolled out, meetings will be set up to all entities to review and send to blast texting.
- **Bingo**; No update
- **Gilbert Days**, Ken Skwartz; fill out application tomorrow. Ken will get with other entities and coordinate.
- **50/50** (Julio Beatrice) Six months for Boys State
- **Flags for First/Second Graders**, (Fred Meyer) No update
- **Boys State**, (Doug Adamson) is pending a response from the contact on how many kids for the 2023
- **Christmas for Kids**, (Eric Wilcox) We have \$7,679
- **Veterans Advisory Board**, (Mike Bailey) No update
- **Packages for Troops**, (Julio Beatrice) Ken and Eric have things planned.
- **Semper Fi Committee**, (Ken Skwartz) Marine Corp Ball Nov 10, 2023
- **TUP**, (Ken Skwartz) - 9/23 final event, working on permits for use of park next to post
- **ROTC**, (Frank Banaszewski) No update, schools usually reach out in March
- **Audit Committee** – Finance Officer cannot lead this group

- **Veterans Business Council**, (Jimmy Paplaczky) no report
- **Finance Committee**, (Rod Heibult) budget reviewed by finance committee 8/1 members, Mike Bailey, Jimmy Paplaczky, Chris Ellis; Frank Banaszewski. budget was reviewed will be presented to E-Board meeting on 8/15/2023 and presented to GM in September 2023.

Old Business:

- Nothing reported

New Business:

- Gilbert Days Rodeo Banner Sponsorship \$125, per entity motion made, seconded, passed.
- Jim Wagner's uncle died (was a Marine).
- Karen's mother died.
- Change for General Membership from 1st Tuesday to the 3rd Tuesday. E Board will be first Tuesday.
- Motion made to change our standing rules with regard to changing dates for House Committee, E Board and General Membership. Seconded. No discussion. Passed.

Good of the Legion:

- July 1, 2024 National Dues goes up \$5.00
- Friday, Sep 15 – POW/MIA Day. Dinner at Post 91
- American Legion (Be the One) – not a membership program. Is a four-year old program stated by American Legion for Suicide Prevention. Blue Cross/Blue Shield part of this. Purpose is to not get caught up with 22 per day, etc., start with one! Dept of Az stood up last week.

Adjourned at 1850 hr. by Commander Banaszewski